#### FAIRFIELD COUNTY NEGLECTING ITS OPPORTUNITIES, REPORTS EXPERT BENJAMIN M. RASTALL

#### CHINESE GO BROKE WITH SUDDEN FALL IN ANTIMONY PRICE

Changsha's Career As An El Dorado Cut Short By Market Readjustment.

Hankow, China, Aug. 5 .- Antimony a have collapsed and scores of e who were millionaires on paper a few months ago, are now com-puting their liabilities.

The demand for antimony was so teen early in the war and the supply was so limited that prices soared. lany new mines were opened, and duction plants were built. Hunan province is the greatest antimony producing center through which most of the ore is handled. That city became a regular El Dorado. Fortunes were made over night, and for a time there made over night, and for a time there seemed to be no limit to the prices which producers could command from trus that required the metal to harden shell cases for the various armies. At one time antimony in crude melted form commanded over \$800, fold per ton. Speculators predicted he ore would bring \$1,500 a ton, and seted on that prediction.

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But the metal trade suddenly read-sted. The output of antimony, hich is used only in very limited

partities by ammunition makers, ex-seded the supply. Ore which at one me sold in New York at 50 cents old a pound has dropped to 15 cents old a pound, and the wind has gone at of the sails of the Changsha boost-

Many of the antimony producers ow have ore on the way from Chang-

sha to New York, which is mortgaged to bankers for more than the present market price of the metal.

Within 'he past few weeks antimony producers in the Changsha district have organized an association for the purpose of steadying the market by limiting the output. They predict that, they will be able to restore prices to their highest level within a short time, but as yet have produced no ape, but as yet have produced no ap-

COTTON MILL DIVIDENDS.

Fall River, Mass., Aug. 5.—Dividends otalling \$798.425 have been declared by Fall River cotton manufacturers for the third quarter mill year, according to announcement made today. This was almost double the amount aid for the second quarter and equivalent to an annual rate of nearly 11 are cent.

HIT BY TROLLEY.

cross of Suburban averoeing at Fairfield and aken to the emergency accrations on his scalp treated. He was al-

JITNEY HITS CYCLE.

this afternoon that while crossing Noble avenue at East Washington avnee on his motor cycle this morning, ney No. 294 struck him, knocked him from his motorcycle and bruised

MAZEL-In this city, Aug. 4, 1916, Margaret F. Hazel, aged 46 years, 5 onths, 27 days. Friends are invited to attend the

funeral from her late residence, No. 549 Seaview avenue on Monday, Aug. 7th at 8:30 a.m. and from St. Mary's church at 9 a. m. Interment in St. Michael's ceme

POSITION WANTED by chauffeur; references. M. Thompson, 105 Beardsley street.

BOOKKEEPER & TYPIST desires party. E. S. A., 451 Hollister Ave. T 2 4.

FOUND—Pay envelope, owner can have same by identifying and pay for ad. Finder J. A. Hasson, P. O. Box 629, Phone Barnum 6564. a.p

England Wrecking Co.

1438 Main street.

CARD OF THANKS We desire to extend our sincere thanks to friends and neighbors for kindness shown us in our recent be-reavement in the loss of our daugher and sister; also to all for floral

MR. AND MRS. WELLINGTON NORTON AND FAMILY.

Jones & Lamson **OPERATORS** Gridley & Cleveland SET UP MEN

WANTED NOW We can place a num-ber of skilled men at once,none but the best will be considered.

BEST WAGES AND BONUS

BULLARD Sreet and Railroad Avenu Lack of Agricultural Concentration and Adequate Transportation Facilities Hamper Development of Agriculture.

Is Second County of State As To Density of Population-Makes Strong Plea For Extensive Farming.

A preliminary report of the conditions found in Fairfield county by Benjamin M. Rastall, farm bureau expert. recently employed by the Chambers of Commerce of Bridgeport, Norwalk, Danbury and Stamford for the purpose of disclosing actual farming, financial, social, civic and other factors for progress has been compiled.

The report covers several hundreds of pages of foolscap with statistics, naps and epitomes. In brief it shows that the county has made rapid strides in its values, manufactures and residential holdings; while through lack of labor, agricultural concentration and rural transportation, its farming is

Of the various features, Mr. Rastall

Topography. "The general topography of this area is one of the most attractive for residence purposes in the United States with its hills, ocean frontage streams and inland lakes. Nearly one-half the area of the county is occupied by forest land and always will be and therefore offers even greater advantages for home location than for

Density of Population. "The population increases for Fairfield county as compared with other counties of the state shows that Fairfield county is one of the most dense ly settled, being exceeded only by Nev

Haven county. During the decade growth of any county in the state. is to be noticed that the population density of Fairfield county is much greater than the average for the state also that the rate of population growth has been much greater in recent decades than for the state. Figures of nativity show no wide divergence over those of the state. There are still a negligible number of orientals and a small number of negroes. The population divides itself roughly into thirds as between white of native parentage, native white of foreign parentage, and foreign born white. average number of persons per dwelling for the county is six and the average size of family four and one-half persons.

Wealth and Finance "The grand list of Fairfield county s approximately \$290,000,000. total indebtedness of the various county units is shown as less than \$10,-000,000 with nearly \$7,000,000 annual

The report shows that in three Bridgeport savings banks there is a

total of \$21,726,831 on deposit.

There is a wide variation of land values which are found to be in proportion to the transportation distances from New York. The higher values are in the southern part of the county shading off to the north and north-

Economic Activities "Economic activities approach to complete cycle; that is, a complete self-sustained economical unit."

"A large proportion of enterprises are of a type that employ skilled la-bor. The rapid recent growth of Bridgeport's manufacturing indus-tries greatly increases the manufacturing character of the county's industries and problems.
"Some of the most serious prob-

lems of the cities of the county are those related to the industrial growth and the providing of adequate conditions of living form the largely augmented population. A serious prob-lem of rural development is also involved by the present rapid draining off of farm labor through the large new employment offered and high rates of wage of Bridgeport manufac-

The oyster industry is among one of the counties biggest industries. Agriculture

Fairfield county is found to have 71 and pay per cent of farm acreage as against on. P. O. 66 for the state. The productive acreage of the state is recorded as 45 per cent as against 53 per cent for Fair-ECOND HAND lumber, window for farms in the state is \$33 per acre. sash, bricks, all kinds of building material of Parson's Foundry, corner Barnum and Hallett St., New est average of any county in Connections. ticut. Average size of farms is given as from 20 to 100 acres, a decrease \$500 CASH buys any of these 2 bargains: () 11 room double house on
East Side, excellent location for
rooming house: (2) 8 room, 2 family house, West End; (3) 8 room, 2
family house, South End. L. Weiss

See 10 arres, a decrease
in size of farms during the past decade which is reported as favorable
per cent. of the county farmers are
found to be native born, the alien
farmers in the majority of instances
being found as tenants. Land values

Tel. Barnum are increasing.

L 5 \*tf One half the total of Fairfield county production are on hay and forage, the report indicates. Tobacco production is small and dairying, fruit and vegetable growing occupy about the same proportions in county production as in state production.

"In other words," Mr. Rastall states, "The county is not capitalizing its proximity to markets by a higher percentage of production of highly valued food products." A strong plea is made for small and extensive farming, modern market

systems and crop specialization. Under the head of transportation, the investigator says that "The county roads may be said generally to be in a poor condition." He scores the lack of electric transportation systems in the farming section and says that the Mrs. Margaret Pallette, of Meriden: northern half of the county is greatly

in a backward condition. An analysis of conditions in .Fair- Michael's cemetery. field county shows that it is not up to the average farm development of New York while conditions for busi-

### FRENCHMEN "SNAPPED" BY PHOTOGRAPHER AS THEY CHARGE GERMAN POSITION



This war photograph, one of the fire from German machine guns was taken in the very midst of remost remarkable to reach this country recently from the war zones, shows crest of the ridge above them. The French soldiers, wearing the new steel picture is official, made with the au- made further advances in furious at helmet, advancing through a hall of thority of the French government and tacks on the German lines.

The lack of relationship between cities and rural communities must be overcome before Fairfield county develops and the lack of county spirit must be overcome by some means, the report concludes. A county exposition eparate and distinct from the fairs is advocated as one means for bettering the county agricultural welfare.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Elizabeth Roche of 1,639 Park avenue and Miss Julia Fenton of 135 anham avenue, who are teachers in the public schools, are spending several weeks of vacation in Quebec and Montana, Can.

Miss Margaret Gerrity and Miss Florence Maloney have gone to spend two weeks in Boston.

Five-Sixths of Total Vote Shows 90 to 1 Majority Favoring Qutting.

New York, Aug. 5-When fivesixths of the ballots cast by the 400,000 employes of the 225 railroad systems throughout the country had
been counted today, it was announcto me to be his wife. You decide, ed that the men stood ninety to one for a strike. It was stated by offi-cials of the four trainmen's brotherhoods that the count would be completed on Monday, after which the final vote would be considered and joint conferences with the railroad re-presentatives held.

GERTRUDE L. DOWD

The funeral of Gertrude L. Dowd, nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Dowd of 105 Anson street was held privately this after-noon from Hillside home. The little girl died early this morning, a vic-tim of infantile paralysis. Rev. Thomas J. Picker, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's R. C. church read the committal service. Burial was in St.

HARRY B. CLARK

Harry B. Clark of Huntington. Mass., died at his home in that city on Thursday after a brief illness. Mr Clarke was well known in Bridgeport where with his wife, the former Miss Jessie Bullard of this city, he was accustomed to spend a part of each winter visiting his mother-in-law, Mrs. E. P. Bullard of 44 Blackman place. He has been seriously ill only a week. His widow is his only survivor. The body will be brought to this city tonight and burial will be in Mountain Grove cemetery on Mon-

MARGARET FERRIS HAZEL Margaret Ferris, wife of Police Lieutenant J. A. Hazel, of 549 Seaview avenue, died last night at the Bridgeport hospital following a lingering illness. Mrs. Hazel was a native of Meriden, but had resided in this city many years during which time she had endeared herself to numerous friends, who mourn her loss deeply. She was 46 years old. She was a devout communicant of St. Mary's R.C. church. Surviving here are her husband, a daughter, Irene Hazel, recently appointed to the teaching force of the Bridgeport public schools; her mother, two brothers and four sisters, also of handicapped by lack of rairoad facili- Meriden. The funeral will be held from the late home Monday morning 9 o'clock. The burial will be in St.

Admiral Victor Blue resigned as Have a still shorter life, and die sooner sections equally distant from chief of the Bureau of Navigation and will be assigned to command the batness enterprise and living are greater. I tleship Texas.

# LAURA JEAN LIBBY'S DAILY TALKS ON

MISS LIBBEY'S REPLIES

sure attention. Initials printed. ed. Address Miss Laura Jean
Libbey, No. 946 President St.,

Recoklyn N V Brooklyn, N. Y.

WHICH LOVES BEST CARES TO WED HER

M. H. writes: "It affords me pleas ure to seek your aid. Want to write. I have been going out with a young man six years. Went over on East West. Motherless, fatherless, I desire to choose intelligently, which loves and can take best care of me."

Study the interest and true heartedess of each, carefully. Judge well the one you could most assist. Find views of each, as to future doings and care for you, Kind Providence, and these considerations, will help you to

## PRIVILEGED TO STARE

L. writes: "I am a bright girl of 18 Do not tire of writing me to pass carpet, and putting iron braces on the weeks in their town adjoining. It is shaking chairs. commented that I have a striking appearance; am stylish. I must attract Petween puckering and ripping out, beaux for my girl-chums, to write after I go. For those of the opposite into the night, she lost her beauty

Be sure you have not vanity, which arrived promptly, but he was puzzled beyond words as to what could posested for long only in a pretty face. sibly have happened to change an un-Looking for a companion they tire of usually pretty girl into a positive this kind. In a strange town, there fright in two days' time. She was too are plenty of idle youths whose forte tired to make herself really interestseems to be staring. Conscious that ing or companionable. Therefore the you are pretty, they feel privileged to young man cut his call as short as

#### STOPPED WRITING TO HER

15 in Oklahoma. Youth corresponded with me three months. Letters raise hopes, if else is dreary. Month ago he stopped writing. Lastly wrote that he couldn't hear from I replied to every letter, even to cards sent. Not heard from him awhile. He loved, asking me to marry him. He is a Christian, What had I better do? Kindly so cause straight.' Perhaps he has a good reason, meaning right. Or he may be ill, or going away. Patience will reward. by receiving letter, explaining some day. He is not the only one you may meet.

GETTING READY

'Tis a sight to engage, if anything The rural school systems are found at 8:30 and from St. Mary's church at To muse on the perishing pleasure of Short-lived as we are, our enjoyments, I see

than we."

the lesson of preparedness to heart TO YOUR LETTERS
it's the girl who is all anxiety to know before hand when company is coming. This is the girl, who must do her share of the housework; who is poor, but strives her best to make a good showing. She would rather go out and dress must be given to in- have a good time in the afternoon inwrite short letters on one side of paper only. Use ink. Personal letters cannot be answer- be pleased to call on such and such an

as there is in that household. Young men are keen sighted; it would never do to have dust on the panels of the dor, or on the picture frames. There's about the seat of the old sofa to tack up when it sags, a hole in the curtain to dark, the chairs to dust and the shape to be lighted. Then there's the only evening dress she owns. The last time she wore it was at a mo candy pull. The front breadth bore evidence to that in a long stain, to say of the skirt. She had walked home in light rain, causing her white slippers to become mud-spattered. Mother was tasks rested on the shoulders of the girl who was so unprepared. Her mother made no attempt to conceal her anxiety, reminding the girl that she had urged her so often to do a little at a time, to keep the best room and her own clothes in order, fearing just such a contretempts. Of course it was a gigantic undertaking, rush-AT SO-CALLED BEAUTY ing through a two weeks task in that many days, even with poor old mother's aid and presing tired old father My girl friends are amused. Into the service to battle with the tak-

sex stare at me. Is this proper? Do sleep and her good nature into the bargain. To be sure the young man possible. He had found that hour so irksome, he shirked calling again. The lesson on the trials of being unpre-pared struck home to the girl, who would have never learned it so com-E. G. M. writes: "Am a girl past pletely under any other circumstances. ple order that company could drop in unexpectedly at any time without creating discomfort, confusion, fuss of

DEAD OFFICER HONORED.

Washington, Aug. 5 .- Major Matthew Butler, shot to death-by H. P. Spannell at Alpine, Texas, July 20, was held today by the Senate to have died a lieutenant colonel. Butler's nomination for promotion had been confirmed before his death, but his commission had not been forwarded. By a bill passed today in the Senate the President was authoried to issue the com-mission dated July 1. This operates FOR COMPANY to increase his widow's pension.

NEARLY HITS GORGAS.

While driving an automobile this afternoon, John Walpole of 389 Olive street, almost ran over Motorcycle Policeman Gorgas at Harrison Elm streets. Gorgas arrested Walpole on the charge of reckless driving.

If there's any one who needs to take Farmer Want Ads. One Cent a Word. in alliance with enemies of Italy.

#### HOWLAND'S

Saturday, Aug. 5, 1916.

The Weather:-Cloudy tonight and Sunday. Light, west winds,

## Victrola as summer companion.



The \$25 Victrola is a splendid traveling companion

It will go to country home, to shore cottage, even to camp beside the lake or stream, and prove its worth time after time when evening shadows fade into cool darkness.

It will offer diversion after a tramp, it refreshes folks tired by an unusually strenuous day.

If young folks wish they were able to enjoy a dancethere is Victrola all ready to furnish the music.

What more could be asked?

Finer Victrolas in the home while away many a summer evening hour that might otherwise drag.

One may sit in the coolness of the veranda and enjoy the music that comes through the open window. On rainy evening, when nobody feels a bit like reading, Victrola is ready to entertain and delight.

Yes; Victrola is desirable at all seasons-but it seems as though it had wider range of pleasure-giving in sum-

It is not limited. It plays every musical instrument, it offers the human voice in all ranges, it will even tell

Always Victrola furnishes the sort of music you pre-

funny stories—and tell them very well! Victrola at \$25 may be purchased on an initial payment of but one dollar; balance is paid in monthly amounts of

The fine \$100 Victrola is to be secured on first payment of but \$10 and monthly payments of \$8.

Wonderfully easy to get; thoroughly enjoyable to

Of course, all records for Victrola are ready here.

#### HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.

Here's a Tea Gown For Cheerful Loafers



FOR LEISURE HOURS.

Over a petticoat of accordian plaited chiffon is worn this fetching robe put up in king's blue and silver bro-The skirt falls in a pointed drape, and the square, capelike back is edged with narrow fur. The puffed eeves are also chiffon

FIND AUTO IN DUMP.

It was reported to the police this afternoon that an automobile, bearing the Massachusetts license No. 28817. had been found on the William street dump.

The Italian government wilk publish a decree forbidding all Italians from doing business with all interests ANNUAL REUNION OF

ST. JEROME'S PARISH

There is every indication, as there is every occasion that the coming annual reunion of St. Jerome's parish at Holyoke, Mass., will be the record making event of the series inaugurated three years ago by Rt. Rev. Mgr. John T. Madden, the pastor. There John T. Madden, the pastor. There was much enthusiasm at the meeting of the general committee Sunday night, and the plans for the event were still further promoted by the decisions of the committee. The tentative plans for the affair were announced by Mgr. Madden at the mas-

### **BRIEF NEWS NOTES**

Two hundred workers in the indus-trial plants in Pennsylvania were killed in July.

John F. Webster, of Paterson, N. J., was arrested charged with the murder

ductors of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co. threatened to strike. The Clyde Motor Truck Co. has

Five Hundred motormen and con-

closed a contract for 204 one-ton trucks, to be shipped to Australia. board of National Guard officers will be named at Brownsville to in-

espondent of a New York paper. Fifteen men were injured by an explosion in a dye vat at the plant of the Standard Aniline Products Co. at

Wappinger Falls, N. Y. Detroit was chosen by the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, meeting in 29th biennial session at Portland, as the convention place in 1918.

Thomas Hughes and Joseph Smith, f the American-Irish-Relief Fund. left Liverpool on the American liner

Philadelphia for the United States. Net revenues of 93 large railroads of the United States for the year ending with June showed an increase over the same period of 1915 of almost

\$190,000,000.

Probable cause being found by Dep-uty Judge F. A. Wilder in the city court today, Timothy Squires, 42 years old, a boarder at 207 Beach street, was bound over to the September term of the superior court under bonds of \$100\_ for indecent assault.

> FUNERAL BOUQUETS AND DESIGNS. JOHN RECK & SON.

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